material assistance. Government positions are most desirable especially to white-collar-trained young men. Some of these have been requisitioned for the civil service, but others have had to use pull or influence to land jobs. Add to these two classes, the candidates, successful and unsuccessful for public office, and their leaders, and a respectable percentage of the population is included.

In the third place, the people look upon law as the noblest and highest of professions. This sentiment influences the scions of the best families to seek the title of *alogado* (lawyer).

When these young men have concluded their legal studies and passed the bar examinations, they find the securing of cases and fees hard, and all too often impossible, problems. The result is a tendency to devote their attention to politics. Even those Filipino lawyers who have acquired passable practices are unable to resist the temptation to go into politics. Hardly a Filipino member of the bar can be named who either has not been a politician or is not a politician.

The methods used by Filipino politicians combine all the technique of America and add thereto local trimmings. The radio and aeroplane have been brought into play for campaign purposes. The more generally accepted style calls for public meetings with much speech-making and refreshments. As orators the Filipino politicians have no superiors and few peers. The voters have acquired a system of their own, and unabashed call upon the local politician for free legal advice, for financial handouts, and for the payment of taxes, and on

election days expect and get free transportation.

Election issues have occasionally centered on principles. More often the questions simply reflect personalities. The candidate who speaks the language of the people, who is one of them, and who is a free spender is the successful politician.

That Filipino politicians here and there have grafted is beyond dispute. This graft ordinarily has either been glossed over by legal authorization or has been too insignificant in